

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the paragraphs on page 2, lines 15 through 21, as follows:*

wherein the boundary between said outlet member and said mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user,

Preferably said outlet vent comprises a slot formed in said mask and a cover extending over said slot and attached to said mask, such that the separation between said mask and said cover increases to the edge of said cover in order to diffuse said exhaled gases.

*Please amend the paragraphs starting on page 2, line 30 and ending on page 3 line 13 as follows:*

In a ~~third~~ further aspect the present invention consists in a CPAP system for delivering gases to a user including a pressurised source of gases, transport means in fluid communication with said pressurised source adapted to convey said gases, and a mask in fluid communication with said transport means in use delivering said gases to said user,

said mask including:

at least one outlet member integrated with or attached to said mask,

wherein the boundary between said outlet member and said mask forms at least one long narrow tapered slot that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user,

wherein the outlet vent comprises a slot formed in the mask and a cover extending over the slot and attached to the mask, such that the separation between the mask and the cover increases to the edge of the cover in order to diffuse said exhaled gases.

Preferably said outlet member is removable.

In a fourth further aspect the present invention consists in an outlet member for a gases delivery mask,

said mask including at least one said outlet member, the boundary between said outlet member and said mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of expired gases from a user,

wherein the outlet member comprises a cover extending over a slot in the mask and attached to the mask, such that the separation between the mask and the cover increases to the edge of the cover in order to diffuse the exhaled gases.